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Amdt. dated January 26, 2004
Reply to Office Action of October 24, 2003

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending. No claim has been amended, added, or canceled.

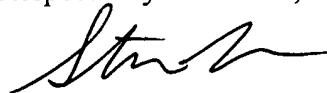
Claims 1, 6, 9, 10, and 17 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,539,441. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. A Terminal Disclaimer executed by an attorney of record is enclosed herein to remove this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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